

Summary of Action Items from Nov. 8, 2005 Meeting

- Develop response plans
- Develop guidelines, warning notices, press releases, fish advisories
- Develop requirements for testing: animal samples (stomach content, shaved hair samples), liver test will be available, send water sample at room temperature (do not freeze).
- DFG and state parks should be involved
- Test animals that drink the water for toxins
- How are we looking for health effects? Sub-committee to address methods to help healthcare providers increase their level of suspicion, give them a list of symptoms, history. MDs are not trained in how to take an environmental history. Help train physicians to be more observant: what to look for, when to look for it – and make it easy to understand and perform.
- Ask ourselves where we want to be on this issue. Assess the effects, What can we offer by way of information.
- Include water utilities – outreach to smaller utilities is important.
- On a national level – web-based reporting system, easy to access reports. Include cell concentration. Make sure the system puts out useful information itself.
- Since a number of action levels and advisories are based on cell density, it seems important to standardize the method used to count the cells. Microcystis colonies are difficult to enumerate since the shape is irregular and cells are arranged in more than one plane. A number of different techniques are currently used by microscopic analysts to estimate the number of cells/colony.
- CDC working on information modules. Will have all in one database, along with historical data.
- Taskforce – link health data with observational data
- Monitoring systems
- What are we going to be telling the public about the incident – public education. What do we want the public to do.
- Funding to do the testing – beyond visual observation
- Take into account rainfall levels
- Why is fish consumption on Oregon's notices
- Scum may not be blue-green algae – but potential is there.
- What are the impacts on aquatic life and wildlife.